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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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This five-bay brick house is located 1/2-mile south of U.S. 40 in the west side of Ridge Road. It is part of the Cedar Ridge Children's Home and School. The house is situated on a rise of ground facing east, just south of the Meadow Brook.

The foundation of the house is of coursed local limestone. The original brick work is laid in American bond with five to seven rows of stretchers between each row of headers. A large brick chimney is located inside the north gable. A smaller chimney, also of brick, is placed toward the center of the house where the enclosed double porch begins. The roof of sheet metal is not original.

All windows except those at the attic level are topped with flat brick arches. The original windows contain six-pane sashes. The window framing is quite simple as is the cornice which consists of a rather narrow band of molding.

A date stone which indicates that the house was built in 1862 is located in the north gable.

This structure has been altered extensively inside and out. On the exterior, the house originally had a recessed double porch which included the three south bays of the front of the house. New brick work at the fourth bay from the south end of the house at the first floor level indicates that a door at that location was changed to a window.

Most of the renovations were made by the Cedar Ridge Children's Home in 1963.

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Although this house has been extensively altered, it is worthy of note for two reasons.

First, from an architectural standpoint, the house is significant in that it is an example of a type of house frequently found in Washington County. Houses which are usually five bays in length with three-bay recessed porches constitute a significant architectural type in Washington County. Most such structures were built between 1830 and 1860. Double porches included in the main roof span were used in some traditional architectural types of Great Britain. They appear to have originated in structures where cattle and other animals occupied the first floor and humans the second. The gallery or second story porch provided a covered air space which was used for living area. It is possible that the mid-19th century double porch houses are descended from early prototypes in Great Britain.

Secondly, the property on which this house is located should be noted because on it was the site of an early Washington County church and stockade. The original St. Paul's Church was located on the banks of Meadow Brook in 1747. Unfortunately, no physical evidence of the church or stockade remains and its exact location is unknown. It is, however, believed to be on the south side of the creek near the 1862 brick house. The church was moved to its present location at U.S. 40 and St. Paul's Church Road in 1797.

The altered condition of this house does minimize its architectural importance. The structure is in no immediate danger of destruction.

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